MANAGED ACCESS OF A BACKUP STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK Abstract of the Disclosure

A data storage is configured to manage access between a backup storage system coupled to a network and hosts connected to the network. The data storage includes a storage device partitioned into a number of volumes for storing data; a first database including first configuration data for identifying which of a number of hosts coupled to the data storage have authorized access to the volumes of the storage device; a backup system having a backup storage device for storing at least a portion of data stored on the storage device; and a second database including second configuration data for identifying which of the hosts have access to the backup storage device.

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